


Invitation to Bid

LSUHSC-SHREVEPORT				BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED: May 21, 2010 02:00 PM	
VENDOR NO. : SOLICITATION : 005527 OPENING DATE : 05/21/2010		Return Bid in Envelope/Labels Provided to: Purchasing Department PO Box 33932 Shreveport LA 71130		BUYER : Garner, Delores BUYER PHONE : 318/675-5343 DATE ISSUED : 05/05/2010 REQ. NO : 0044380 FISCAL YEAR : 2010	
Collection Services					
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS					
1. READ THE ENTIRE BID, INCLUDING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS. 2. FILL IN ALL BLANK SPACES. 3. ALL BID PRICES MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK. ANY CORRECTIONS, ERASURES OR OTHER FORMS OF ALTERATION TO UNIT PRICES SHOULD BE INITIALIZED BY THE BIDDER. 4. BID PRICES SHALL INCLUDE DELIVERY OF ALL ITEMS F.O.B. DESTINATION OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. BIDS CONTAINING "PAYMENT IN ADVANCE" OR "C.O.D." REQUIREMENTS MAY BE REJECTED. PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF PROPERLY EXECUTED INVOICE OR DELIVERY, WHICHEVER IS LATER. 5. SPECIFY YOUR PAYMENT TERMS: _____ . CASH DISCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR LESS THAN 1% WILL BE ACCEPTED, BUT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING AWARDS					
BY SIGNING THIS BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES:					
* THAT NEITHER THIS BUSINESS ENTITY NOR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS IS CURRENTLY LISTED AS EXCLUDED OR SANCTIONED BY EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG) OR THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA). * THAT IF THIS BUSINESS ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS APPEAR ON EITHER LISTING, MY BID WILL BE REJECTED. * THAT IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THIS INVITATION TO BID, THIS ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS APPEARS ON EITHER LISTING, MY COMPANY WILL NOTIFY THE CONTRACTING AGENCY, AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE TERMINATED. THE CONTRACTING AGENCY WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES RESULTING FROM SAID TERMINATION.					
THE BIDDER FURTHER CERTIFIES:					
* COMPLIANCE WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS. * THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD. * THAT ALL TAXES DULY ASSESSED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND IT'S SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING FRANCHISE TAXES, PRIVILEGE TAXES, SALES TAXES AND ALL OTHER TAXES FOR WHICH THE FIRM IS LIABLE HAVE BEEN PAID. * THAT IF MY BID IS ACCEPTED WITHIN _____ DAYS FROM BID CLOSING TIME, MY FIRM WILL FURNISH ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS (OR SECTIONS) AT THE PRICE OPPOSITE EACH ITEM (OR SECTION). * DELIVERY WILL BE MADE WITHIN _____ DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER.					
VENDOR PHONE NUMBER:		TITLE		DATE	
FAX NUMBER:					
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED BIDDER (MUST BE SIGNED)			NAME OF BIDDER (TYPED OR PRINTED)		

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<p>6. DESIRED DELIVERY: 10 DAYS ARO, UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE</p> <p>7. TO ASSURE CONSIDERATION, ALL BIDS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN THE SPECIAL ENVELOPE, OR USE BID LABEL IF FURNISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IN THE EVENT YOUR BID CONTAINS BULKY SUBJECT MATERIAL, THE SPECIAL BID ENVELOPE SHOULD BE FIRMLY AFFIXED TO THE MAILING ENVELOPE.</p> <p>8. BIDS SUBMITTED ARE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO L.R.S. 39:1551-1736; PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS; EXECUTIVE ORDERS; STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS; SPECIAL CONDITIONS; AND SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THIS SOLICITATION.</p> <p>9. IMPORTANT: THIS BID IS TO BE MANUALLY SIGNED IN INK BY A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR (SEE NO.31).</p> <p>10. INQUIRIES: ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BUYER AT THE PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE.</p> <p>11. BID FORMS: ALL WRITTEN BIDS, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMS PROVIDED, PROPERLY SIGNED (SEE #31). BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION PRIOR TO BID OPENING TIME IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED.</p> <p>12. STANDARDS OR QUALITY. ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE BID SHALL CONFORM TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOLICITATION. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION, ANY MANUFACTURER'S NAME, TRADE NAME, BRAND NAME, OR CATALOG NUMBER USED IN THE SPECIFICATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIBING THE STANDARD OF QUALITY, PERFORMANCE, AND CHARACTERISTICS DESIRED AND IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT COMPETITION. BIDDER MUST SPECIFY THE BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER OF THE PRODUCT OFFERED IN HIS/HER BID. BIDS NOT SPECIFYING BRAND AND MODEL NUMBER SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS OFFERING THE EXACT PRODUCTS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>13. DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION. BIDDERS PROPOSING AN EQUIVALENT BRAND OR MODEL SHOULD SUBMIT WITH THE BID, INFORMATION (SUCH AS ILLUSTRATIONS, DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE, TECHNICAL DATA) SUFFICIENT FOR LSUHSC TO EVALUATE QUALITY, SUITABILITY, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS IN THE SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE BID TO BE REJECTED. ANY CHANGE MADE TO A MANUFACTURER'S PUBLISHED SPECIFICATION SUBMITTED FOR A PRODUCT SHALL BE VERIFIABLE BY THE MANUFACTURER. IF ITEM(S) BID DO NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS (INCLUDING BRAND AND/OR PRODUCT NUMBER), BIDDER MUST STATE IN WHAT RESPECT ITEMS(S) DEVIATE. FAILURE TO NOTE EXCEPTIONS ON THE BID FORM WILL NOT RELIEVE THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S) FROM SUPPLYING THE ACTUAL PRODUCTS REQUESTED.</p> <p>14. BID OPENING. BIDDERS MAY ATTEND THE BID OPENING, BUT NO INFORMATION OR OPINIONS CONCERNING THE ULTIMATE CONTRACT AWARD WILL BE GIVEN AT THE BID OPENING OR DURING THE EVALUATION PROCESS. BIDS MAY BE EXAMINED WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER BID OPENING. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO COMPLETED FILES MAY BE SECURED BY VISITING LSUHSC DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. WRITTEN BID TABULATIONS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED.</p> <p>15. AWARDS. AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER. LSUHSC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AWARD ITEMS SEPARATELY, GROUP, OR IN TOTAL, AND TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES.</p> <p>16. PRICES. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY LSUHSC IN THE SOLICITATION, BID PRICES MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION PREPAID BY BIDDER TO DESTINATION AND FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS. IF ACCEPTED, PRICES MUST BE FIRM FOR THE CONTRACTUAL PERIOD. BIDS OTHER THAN F.O.B. DESTINATION MAY BE REJECTED. PRICES SHOULD BE QUOTED IN THE UNIT (EACH,</p>	

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<p>BOX, CASE, ETC.) AS SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>17.DELIVERIES. BIDS MAY BE REJECTED IF THE DELIVERY TIME INDICATED IS LONGER THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>18.TAXES. VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDING ALL APPLICABLE TAXES IN THE BID PRICE. LSUHSC AGENCIES ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL STATE AND LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES.</p> <p>19.NEW PRODUCTS. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR IN THE SOLICITATION, ALL PRODUCTS FOR PURCHASE MUST BE NEW, NEVER PREVIOUSLY USED, AND THE CURRENT MODEL AND/OR PACKAGING. NO REMANUFACTURED, DEMONSTRATOR, USED OR IRREGULAR PRODUCT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PURCHASE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION. THE MANUFACTURER'S STANDARD WARRANTY WILL APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SOLICITATION.</p> <p>20.CONTRACT CANCELLATION. THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAS THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY CONTRACT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASING RULES AND REGULATIONS, FOR CAUSE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: (1) FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT; (2) FAILURE OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS, CONFORM TO SAMPLE QUALITY OR TO BE DELIVERED IN GOOD CONDITION; (3) MISREPRESENTATION BY THE CONTRACTOR; (4) FRAUD, COLLUSION CONSPIRACY OR OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS OF OBTAINING ANY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE; (5) CONFLICT OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS WITH CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW; (6) ANY OTHER BREACH OF CONTRACT.</p> <p>21.DEFAULT OF CONTRACT. FAILURE TO DELIVER WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE BID WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT AND MAY CAUSE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT. WHERE THE UNIVERSITY HAS DETERMINED THE CONTRACTOR TO BE IN DEFAULT, THE UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE AN OR ALL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES COVERED BY THE CONTRACT ON THE OPEN MARKET AND TO CHARGE THE CONTRACTOR WITH COST IN EXCESS OF THE CONTRACT PRICE. UNTIL SUCH ASSESSED CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID, NO SUBSEQUENT BID FROM THE DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED.</p> <p>22.ORDER OF PRIORITY. IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR STANDARD CONDITIONS AND THE SPEICAL CONDITIONS, THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS SHALL GOVERN.</p> <p>23.APPLICABLE LAW. ALL CONTRACTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.</p> <p>24.EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. BY SUBMITTING AND SIGNING THIS BID, BIDDER AGREES THAT HE/SHE WILL NOT DISCRIMINATE IN THE RENDERING OF SERVICES TO AND/OR EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, HANDICAP, DISABILITY, VETERAN STATUS, OR A OTHER NON-MERIT FACTOR.</p> <p>25.SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. ANY "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY" AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WHO HAS SUBMITTED A BID AND DESIRES TO ATTEND THE BID OPENING, MUST NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING DATE OF THEIR NEED FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS. IF THE REQUEST CANNOT BE REASONABLY PROVIDED, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE INFORMED PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING.</p> <p>26.IDEMNITY. CONTRACTOR AGREES, UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF A CLAIM OR ACTION, TO DEFEND THE CLAIM OR ACTION, OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURE, TO IDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, LSUHSC, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS FOR BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR,</p>	

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<p> OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. CONTRACTOR IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION AS SET FORTH ABOVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIM OR ACTION FROM BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE FAULT OF THE UNIVERSITY, ITS OFFICERS, ITS AGENTS OR ITS EMPLOYEES. </p> <p> 27. INTERPRETATION OF DOCUMENT: ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE BID OR QUOTATION DOCUMENT WILL ONLY BE MADE BY AN ADDENDUM ISSUED IN WRITING BY THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. SUCH ADDENDUM WILL BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO EACH PERSON RECEIVING A SET OF THE ORIGINAL BID OR QUOTATION DOCUMENTS. LSUHSC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OTHER EXPLANATION OR INTERPRETATION OF THE DOCUMENTS. </p> <p> 28. ACCEPTANCE OF BID: ONLY THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR A SIGNED CONTRACT CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE ON THE PART OF LSUHSC. </p> <p> 29. ADHERENCE TO JCAHO STANDARDS: WHERE APPLICABLE, LSUHSC IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS AND AS SUCH ALL CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND VENDORS AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION. </p> <p> 30. PREFERENCE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 39:1595, A PREFERENCE MAY BE ALLOWED FOR PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN, OR ASSEMBLED IN LOUISIANA OF EQUAL QUALITY. DO YOU CLAIM THIS PREFERENCE? YES _____ NO _____ SPECIFY THE LINE NUMBER (S) _____ SPECIFY LOCATION WITHIN LOUISIANA WHERE THIS PRODUCT IS MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, GROWN OR ASSEMBLED _____ (NOTE: IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, INCLUDE ON SEPARATE SHEET.) DO YOU HAVE A LOUISIANA BUSINESS WORK FORCE? YES _____ NO _____ IF SO, DO YOU CERTIFY THAT AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF YOUR LOUISIANA WORKFORCE IS COMPRISED OF LOUISIANA RESIDENTS? YES _____ NO _____ FAILURE TO SPECIFY ABOVE INFORMATION MAY CAUSE ELIMINATION FROM PREFERENCES. PREFERENCES SHALL NOT APPLY TO SERVICE CONTRACTS. </p> <p> 31. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH L.R.S. 39:1594 (ACT 121), THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID MUST BE: </p> <p> 31.1. A CURRENT CORPORATE OFFICER, PARTNERSHIP MEMBER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A BID AS REFLECTED IN THE APPROPRIATE RECORDS ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE; OR </p> <p> 31.2. AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE VENDOR AS REFLECTED BY AN ACCOMPANYING CORPORATE RESOLUTION, CERTIFICATE OR AFFIDAVIT; OR </p> <p> 31.3. AN INDIVIDUAL LISTED ON THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BIDDER'S APPLICATION AS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE BIDS. BY SIGNING THE BID, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE. </p>	

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<p>32. This bid is to be effective for twelve (12) months from date of award. At the option of the Health Sciences Center and acceptance by the vendor, this bid can be renewed for four (4) additional twelve (12) month periods at the same prices and terms.</p> <p>All prices are to be firm for the contractual period, but wherever there is a general reduction in price which is lower than the contract price, said reduction must be presented directly to the Health Sciences Center.</p> <p>Approximate quantities as set forth are estimated usage only and the successful bidder must supply at bid prices actual requirements as ordered whether the total of such requirements is more or less than the quantities shown. No specific quantities are guaranteed. Only those quantities required will be ordered.</p> <p>The University reserves the right to add/include additional departments at the same prices, where it is deemed necessary</p>	

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UNLESS SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE SHIP TO: Receiving Department 3010 Linwood Avenue Shreveport LA 71130					
Line No.	Description			Unit Price	Extended Amount
1	BID FOR COLLECTION SERVICES ON DELINGUENCIES ACCOUNTS PER ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS Specify brand, model bid(if applicable) <hr style="width: 30%; margin-left: 0;"/>	1.00	EA		

SPECIFICATIONS

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Contractor agrees to accept for Collection, upon the terms, provisions set forth herein such unpaid accounts as Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology Business Office may refer to Contractor directly or via their contracted billing group. It is understood and agreed that Contractor shall:

- a. Promptly undertake, through proper and lawful means, the collection of all accounts assigned by the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology Business Office, without regard to the amount.
- b. Contractor shall exert active and continuous collection efforts in accordance with the best ethical and legal collection practices during the entire period such unpaid accounts are held by Contractor.
- c. Collection attempts should concentrate on phone calls with a minimum of three phone attempts regardless of balance. Contractor will send at least one letter in addition to phone calls.
- d. Every account with a current home phone number must be placed on both attended and unattended predictive dialer lists.
- e. Contractor shall not, under any circumstances use any threats, intimidation, or harassment of debtors in the collection of such accounts. The exception is notification of the potential that the individual may be turned in for non-payment to one or more credit agencies (e.g. Experian, Equifax, and Transunion) only when authorized in writing and/or electronically to do so by the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology Business Office.
- f. Contractor shall comply strictly with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing collection practices.
- g. Have, and exercise, sole and exclusive authority and control over the method and manner of the performance of their obligations hereunder.
- h. For all purposes hereunder, Contractor, its personnel agents, servants, and employees are to be considered as independent contractors. No personnel, agents, servants or employees of contractor shall be considered in any way agents, servants, personnel, or employees of this Health Sciences Center.
- i. Contractor shall make no representations nor permit others to make a representation to debtors of the Health Sciences Center that contractor occupy any relationship to any part of the Health Sciences Center other than an independent contractor.
- j. Contractor shall use their own name and letterheads in all contacts and transactions with debtors and other persons.
- k. The Contractor shall have the right to endorse for deposit and collection, in the name and in behalf of the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology, remittances received on accounts placed for collection.
- l. All legal proceedings must be approved in writing and/or electronically by the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology and such legal proceedings are

to be initiated in the name of the Contractor and not in the name of any department of the Health Sciences Center.

- m. The Contractor is solely responsible for all attorney fees and court costs.
- n. Contractor will protect the Health Sciences Center and all the departments in regards to HIPPA compliance, and procedures to protect consumers against identity theft.

2. AMOUNT AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

- a. The Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology shall receive an itemized monthly statement listing payments received and computed commissions, as agreed upon below, retained by Contractor.
- b. The commissions agreed upon shall be a percentage of all monies obtained by Collector:

First Placement Collection Account Rate =	_____ %
Legal Account Rate =	_____ %

Note: First placement collection accounts are those that have never been sent to a collection agency. Legal Accounts are those that Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology has authorized Collector to proceed with legal actions and have been filed via proper court jurisdiction.

- c. Additionally, Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology shall pay above commission on any monies sent directly to the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology in which Collector has made collection efforts within ninety (90) days prior to the date such sums were received.
- d. Collector will retain any court cost and/or attorney fees via the rate listed above upon payment of that sole account.

3. COLLECTIONS

- a. Collector shall promptly remit to the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology each month all monies collected during the previous month less applicable commissions.
- b. Collector shall not settle in any way an account for less than payment in full without prior written/electronic approval of the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology.
- c. Reasonable request for settlement reduction by consumer must be forwarded for consideration to the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology, which has the sole authority to approve or deny.

4. REPORTS AND RECORDS

- a. Collector shall submit to the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology such other reports as the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology shall request.
- b. Collector shall maintain accurate records, satisfactory to the Health Sciences Center Department of Pathology, showing original balances, additional charges, collection commissions and payments for all accounts.

- c. Collector's records shall be available for inspection by the legislative auditor and the Health Sciences Center auditor at any time and Collector thereby grants to the Health Sciences Center permission for employees authorized by the Health Sciences Center to enter Collector's premises for the purpose of reviewing such records.
- d. The Contractor shall maintain a written and/or electronic file on each patient account containing a record of any and all phone calls, letters and any other contacts made with the patient or third party regarding a patient's account.
- e. Payments received on Medicare accounts will be reported on a separate report from the other payer types.
- f. Collector will provide other types of reports as required by Health Sciences Center.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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Vendor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the vendors' performance under the contract. The cost of such insurance shall be borne by the vendor.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage "Occurrence" Form CG 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana). **"Claims Made" form is unacceptable.**
2. Workers Compensation insurance as required by the Labor Code of the State of Louisiana and Employers Liability insurance.

B. MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE

Vendor shall maintain limits no less than:

1. Commercial General Liability: \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.
2. Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability: Worker's Compensation Limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of Louisiana and Employers Liability coverage. Exception: Employers Liability to be \$1,000,000.00 when work is to be over water.

Other Party's Professional Liability. The other party shall provide proof of such insurance. Minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00.

C. DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the Agency. At the option of the Agency, either 1) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the Agency, its officers, officials and employees, or 2) the lessee shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

D. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability

a. The Agency, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as "additional insureds" as respects: liability arising out of premises owned, occupied or used by the vendor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Agency, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers.

b. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the Agency, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

c. Coverage shall state that the vendor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

2. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Coverage

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Agency, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from performance under the contract.

3. All Coverages

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the Agency.

E. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of **A-:VI or higher**. This rating requirement may be waived for workers' compensation coverage only.

F. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

Vendor shall furnish the University with certificates of insurance affecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates are to be received and approved by the University before work commences. The University reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" may also be referred to as "PHI".

- (b) Secretary. "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his designee.

Terms used in this Agreement, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the same meaning as in the Privacy Rule.

3. Obligations and Activities of Business Associate

- (a) Business Associate agrees not to use or otherwise disclose PHI (as defined in 45 CFR § 164.504) it receives from Covered Entity for any purpose other than for the purpose(s) stated in this Agreement.
- (b) Business Associate agrees to implement and maintain, and by this Agreement warrants that it has implemented such safeguards as are necessary to ensure that the PHI disclosed by Covered Entity to Business Associate is not used or disclosed by Business Associate, except as provided in the Contract.
- (c) Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable and unless otherwise requested by Covered Entity in writing, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate and is the result of a use or disclosure of PHI in violation of this Agreement.
- (d) Business Associate agrees to promptly report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of the PHI of which Business Associate becomes aware that is not provided for or permitted in the Contract. Business Associate shall permit Covered Entity to investigate any such report and to examine Business Associate's premises, records and practices.
- (e) If Business Associate discloses PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, to agents, including a subcontractor (collectively, "Recipients"), Business Associate shall require Recipients to agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Business Associate under this Agreement. To the extent permitted by law, Business Associate shall be fully liable to Covered Entity for any acts, failures or omissions of Recipients in furnishing the services as if they were the Business Associate's own acts, failures or omissions.
- (f) Business Associate agrees to provide access, at the request of Covered Entity, and in a prompt and timely manner, to PHI in a Designated Record Set, to Covered Entity or, as directed by Covered Entity, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.524.

- (g) Business Associate agrees to make any amendment(s) to PHI in a Designated Record Set that the Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.526 at the request of Covered Entity or an Individual.
- (h) Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, Covered Entity available to the Covered Entity, or to the Secretary, in a prompt and timely manner or as designated by the Secretary, for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy Rule.
- (i) Business Associate agrees to document such disclosures of PHI as would be required for Covered Entity to respond timely to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.
- (j) Business Associate agrees that, in requesting PHI from Covered Entity, and in using or disclosing PHI to others, only the Minimum Necessary information shall be requested, used or disclosed.

4. Permitted Uses and Disclosures by Business Associate

- (a) Except as otherwise prohibited by law or limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, Covered Entity as specified in this Agreement, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by Covered Entity or the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the Covered Entity or the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to the following:
 - (1) Use or disclose PHI for proper management and administration or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate, provided that disclosures are Required By Law, or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as Required By Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached. Entities to which Business Associate discloses PHI for the purpose of management and administration of the Business Associate shall be deemed "agents" or "subcontractors" of Business Associate, within the meaning of Section 3(e) of this Agreement.

- (2) Use PHI to provide Data Aggregation services to Covered Entity as permitted by 45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e) (2) (i) (B).

5. Obligations of Covered Entity

- (a) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI. Business Associate acknowledges that it has received a copy of Covered Entity's Notice of Privacy Practices, and agrees to comply with all limitations on use and disclosure of PHI contained therein.
- (b) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by an Individual to use or disclose PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- (c) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes in Covered Entity's Notice of Privacy Practices.

6. Term and Termination of Agreement

- (a) Term. The Term of this Agreement shall be effective as of the date of execution by the last party executing same, and shall terminate when all of the Protected Health Information provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy Protected Health Information, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section.
- (b) Termination for Cause. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate of the terms of this Agreement, Covered Entity shall either:
 - (1) Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach. Covered Entity may terminate this Agreement if Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity;
 - (2) Immediately terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or

- (3) If neither termination nor cure is feasible in the sole discretion of Covered Entity, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.

(c) Effect of Termination.

- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this section, upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. Business Associate shall not retain copies of any PHI. This provision shall also apply to PHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate.
- (2) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the PHI is not feasible, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity of this determination and its reasons. If Covered Entity agrees that return or destruction of PHI is not feasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Addendum to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures, for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI. This provision shall also apply to PHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate.

7. Miscellaneous

- (a) Regulatory References. Any reference in this Agreement to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.
- (b) Formal Amendment and Deemed Amendment. The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to formally amend this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-191. Regardless of the execution of a formal amendment of this Agreement, the Agreement shall be deemed amended to permit the Covered Entity to comply with HIPAA and the Privacy Rule, as the same may be hereafter amended or interpreted.
- (c) Survival. The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate under Section 6 (c) of this Agreement entitled "Effect of Termination" shall survive the termination of this Agreement and/or the Contract.
- (d) Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy Rule.

- (e) Material Breach of Agreement as Breach of Contract. Any material breach of this Agreement by Business Associate shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, and shall entitle Covered Entity to any of the remedies provided in the Contract, in addition to the remedies provided herein.
- (f) Provisions of Agreement to Control. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and any of the other provisions of the Contract, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.
- (g) Ownership of PHI. The PHI to which Business Associate, or any agent or subcontractor of Business Associate has access under this Agreement and/or the Contract shall be and remain the property of Covered Entity.
- (h) Indemnification and Contribution. Each party to this Agreement shall indemnify and hold the other harmless from any and all claims, liability, damages, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees and costs of defense and attorney's fees, resulting from the action or omission of the other party. In the event that any liability, damages, costs and expenses arise as a result of the actions or omissions of both parties, each party shall bear such proportion of such liability, damages, costs and expenses as are attributable to the acts or omissions of such party.
- (i) Injunctive Relief. Notwithstanding any rights or remedies provided for in this Agreement, Covered Entity retains all rights to seek injunctive relief to prevent or stop the inappropriate use or disclosure of PHI directly or indirectly by Business Associate, or any agent or subcontractor of Business Associate.
- (j) Attorney's Fees. If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of this Agreement or in connection with any of its provisions, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award for the attorney's fees and costs incurred therein in addition to any other right of recovery.
- (k) Severability. If any clause or provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under any present or future law, the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected thereby. It is the intention of the parties that, if any such provision is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, there will be substituted in lieu thereof a provision as similar in terms to such provision as is possible which is legal, valid and enforceable.
- (l) Waiver of Provisions. Failure by either party at any time to enforce or require the strict performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such terms or conditions or modify such provision or in any manner render it unenforceable as to any

other time or as to any other occurrence. Any specific waiver by either party of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be considered a one-time event and shall not constitute a continuing waiver. Neither a waiver nor any failure to enforce shall in any way affect or impair the terms or conditions of this Agreement or the right of either party to avail itself of its remedies.

- (m) Choice of Law. To the extent not preempted by HIPAA or the Privacy Rule, the Laws of the State of Louisiana shall govern this Agreement.
- (n) Notices. Any notice, demand or communication required or permitted to be given by any provision of this Agreement shall be in writing and will be deemed to have been given when actually delivered (by whatever means) to the party designated to receive such notice, or on the next business day following the day sent by overnight courier, or on the third (3rd) business day after the same is sent by certified United States mail, postage and charges prepaid, directed to the addresses noted below, or to such other or additional address as any party might designate by written notice to the other party, whichever is earlier.

Notices required by this Agreement shall be sent as follows:

Covered Entity:
LSU Health Sciences Center
ATTN: Compliance Department
1501 Kings Highway
Shreveport, LA 71103

Business Associate:

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on the date first written above:

LSU Health Sciences Center:

By: Jeffrey L. Hartgrove, C.P.M.
Title: Director of Purchasing
And Materials Management

By:
Title: